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Docket No. BBNT-P01-007  
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In re Patent Application of:  
Brig B. Elliott

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For: EXCISING COMPROMISED ROUTERS  
FROM AN AD HOC NETWORK

**AMENDMENT TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the nonfinal Office Action dated December 2, 2004 (Paper No. 11222004), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. The time period for response has been extended to April 2, 2005, by the accompanying petition for a one-month extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.